Statement-II

The details of the number of projects sanctioned, completed and anticipated benefits under RIDF in Andhra Pradesh

Sector	No. of Projects		Anticipated Benefits
	Sanctioned	Completed	
Irrigation	2,206	227	662568HA
Roads	1,495	1,002	6053 KM
Bridges	263	163	12577 MTS
Soil & Moisture Conservation	1,819	97	—
Others	4,089	—	—
TOTAL:	9,872	1,489	—

Charging of Income Tax on compensation money

†1267. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about charging of income tax on the amount being received as compensation against land acquired for projects (Prakalpa);

(b) if so, the kind of relief that can be given by Government to the people affected by such projects (Prakalpa); and

(c) the measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes Sir. The compensation received against land acquired for projects is charged to income tax under the head 'Capital Gains'. However, the compensation received against acquisition of agricultural land is not chargeable to tax if the land acquired is not situated in any area within the jurisdiction of a municipality or a cantonment beard, having a population of ten thousand

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

or more, or in any area within a distance of eight kilometers from the local limits of any municipality or cantonment board, as notified by the Central Government.

(b) and (c) The existing provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, provide for exemption from tax on long-term capital gains arising from the compensation received on acquisition of land, if—

(i) the compensation received on acquisition of land used for agricultural purposes, is invested within a period of two years after the transfer, in the purchase of agricultural land; or

(ii) the capital gains arising from the transfer of land are invested in bonds redeemable after three years issued by the National Board for Agricultural Reconstruction and Development (NABARD), the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), the National Housing Board (NHB) and the Small Industries Development Board of India (SIDBI);or

(iii) the compensation received has been invested by the assessee within the specified period, in the purchase or construction of a residential house.

Employees Pension Schemes in Banks and Insurance Companies

1268. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to give one more chance to the employees of the public sector banks and insurance companies to opt for the employees pension scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.